

Big 10 Benefits of FBLA-PBL Membership

- 1. **Competitive Events**: As a member of FBLA-PBL, you have the opportunity to showcase your academic excellence in any of the over 60 competitive events! Don't forget to include state and national award placings on your resume! It's a great way to prove you've got the skills that employers are looking for.
- 2. **Travel**: If you like traveling the country, meeting new friends, and building your professional edge, FBLA-PBL is the organization for you. With both national fall leadership conferences and national conferences every year, members get the chance to experience new cultures, listen to workshops by industry professionals, and network with members from all over!
- 3. **Leadership Opportunities**: Ever wished you could help lead your peers and help others achieve new opportunities? FBLA-PBL gives members the chance to showcase their leadership on the local, state, and national level.
- 4. **Scholarships**: There are <u>several</u> scholarships offered through the national level. These include the Distinguished Business Leader Scholarship and many other financial scholarships offered by our organizations partners!
- 5. **Networking Opportunities**: Creating connections to business professionals, workshop presenters, and other student members will help you establish a huge network base, and in today's competitive market. It's a lot more who you know and not what you know!
- 6. **Industry Awareness**: Have you ever heard of YEF or AICPA? If these acronyms make you say IDK, note this benefit of FBLA-PBL! Our organization has partnered with over fifty businesses and organizations that provide industry awareness for members. Without FBLA-PBL, you might have never heard of YEF, or the Young Entrepreneur Foundation. These connections to the industry might just help you land a dream job with a company or organization you never even knew existed!

- 7. **Civic Consciousness**: FBLA-PBL provides students the connection to civic groups; <u>rewarding</u> chapter members who help improve the community they likely will return to work someday!
- 8. **Professional Development & Presentation Skills**: When seeking a job, the first thing an employer will ask is what professional skills you have. How great would it be if you could respond with concrete examples of professional development and specific skills mastered? FBLA-PBL helps define these skills through programs like BAA and CMAP, which requires members to create professional portfolios and give presentations to student groups.
- 9. **Internships**: Did you know that you could apply to be an IFL or NLC intern? These interns earn valuable experience managing a national conference by getting hands on experience.
- 10. Fun: Let's face it; there is no better reason to join an organization than because it is FUN! Members in FBLA and PBL have a blast making new friends, seek the thrill of having their name called on stage at NLC, and see the results of their hard work all year! The best chapter activity is the one in which members are having a blast!